[Mr. N. Nilakanda Pillai.]

Darbar Physician and Private Practice.

254. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has been brought to their notice that, in places where the Darbar Physician is carrying on private practice, patients and their guardians are put to great difficulties on account of the refusal by the other doctors of the Medical Department, for fear of their superior, to visit the patients in urgent cases in which their services become necessary?

(*b*) Do the Government propose to take any measures to remedy the hardships of the public resulting from this state of affairs?

MR. N. NILAKANDA PILLAI: (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Darbar Physician's Travelling Allowance and Private Practice.

255 MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the fact that some of the subordinates of the Darbar Physician are inviting him to distant places to visit patients?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Darbar Physician is getting mileage and batta from Government for such visits?

MR. N. NILAKANDA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether, for treating Mr. N. A. Mahomed Kunju, the Darbar Physician received mileage and batta from the Government?

MR. N. NILAKANDA PILLAI: I claim notice.

Appointments made by Mr. Van Ross.

256. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether statements regarding the appointments made by Mr. Van Ross before and after the reorganisation of the Excise Department have been obtained from him?

(*b*) If they have not done so as yet, will they get these statements and lay them on the table?

MR. N. NILAKANDA PILLAI: (*a*) Heads of Departments need not ordinarily send statements of appointments made under powers delegated to them.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI: With reference to the answer to part (*a*), may I know whether Government have not received statements from the Excise Commissioner?

MR. N. NILAKANDA PILLAI: No such statements have been received.

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